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SUBJECT: FORMAT AND REVISED PROCEDURES FOR DIRECT RELAY
NOTIFICATION OF DEATH TELEGRAMS

REF: ATHENS 7164

1. TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES A STANDARD FORMAT FOR CASUALTY MESSAGES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR LIMITATIONS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE WORLD WHICH REQUIRE AN ADDITION TO OR OTHER DEVIATION FROM THE STANDARD FORMAT. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS IS WITH RESPECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF CREMATION. POSTS SHOULD, OF COURSE, CONTINUE AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST TO MAKE PERTINENT ADJUSTMENTS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THE NEW FORMAT TO BE NO GREAT DEPARTURE FROM THE OLD ONE. THE PRINCIPAL CHANGES ARE THE ORDER IN WHICH WE LIST THE OPTIONS OF LOCAL BURIAL OR SHIPMENT TO THE U.S., THE STATEMENT THAT MOST AMERICANS WHO DIE ABROAD ARE BURIED ABROAD AND THE BREAKDOWN OF THE COST OF PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT TO THE U.S.
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3. WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE WE BELIEVE THAT THE NEW FORMAT DOES NOT IMPOSE

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE POST. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PRACTICE THAT POSTS AS WELL AS LOCAL AUTHORITIES CARRY OUT A FAMILY'S WISHES IN CONNECTION WITH LOCAL BURIAL

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TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. (SEE 7 FAM 442.1-1)

4. APPROXIMATELY 72 PERCENT OF AMERICANS WHO DIE ABROAD ARE BURIED ABROAD. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES AMERICANS WHO ARE RESIDENT ABROAD.

5. WITH RESPECT TO ATHENS' FINAL PARAGRAPH, DEPARTMENT IS OF OPINION THAT THERE ARE NO MORE VIOLENT OR UNUSUAL DEATHS IN GREECE THAN IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THE POST IS REMINDED THAT THE OLD FORMAT (E.G., AS USED IN ATHENS 6742) REFERRED TO LOCAL BURIAL AS A POSSIBILITY, LISTED THE COST BUT MADE NO REFERENCE TO DISINTERMENT AFTER THREE YEARS.

6. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. MUST ALL BODIES BE EXHUMED AFTER THREE YEARS WITHOUT EXCEPTION? IS IT NOT POSSIBLE TO HAVE BURIAL IN A PERMANENT PLOT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE? ARE DISINTERRED REMAINS PLACED IN INDIVIDUAL, MARKED CONTAINERS IN MORTUARY CHAPEL OR IN COMMON GRAVE? WHAT IS AVERAGE COST OF TRANSFER TO PERMANET LOT AND TO MORTUARY CHAPEL? HAS THE POST EXPERIENCED ANY DIFFICULTIES IN THE PAST AS A RESULT OF THE EXHUMATION REQUIREMENT? (WE NOTE TWO RECENT REPORTS OF DEATH SHOWING LOCAL BURIAL - ALEXANDER DANKS III AND WILLIAM RODGERS FORREST WHO DIED JANUARY 29 AND JANUARY 14, 1978 RESPECTIVELY - IN WHICH THE POST NOTED
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THE DISINTERMENT REQUIREMENT ON THE FS-192 FORMS.) VANCE

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